

MINUTES OF THE LICENSE BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2014

There was a regular monthly meeting of the License Board held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:30 pm, City Hall, 3rd floor, Memorial Hall.

Attending were: Walter Bonin, Chairman; Gregory Mitrakas, Member; James Riessle, Member; Linda Goodwin, Secretary.

Meeting was called to order by Walter Bonin, Chairman at 7:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1: MASONIC CORP – CATERING BY TASTY HOME COOKING - **6** - ALL ALCOHOL ONE DAY PERMITS

Ed Walsh presented **6** ALL alcohol one day permit applications. Motion made to approve by Gregory Mitrakas, seconded by James Riessle. Motion carried 3-0

- 2: WESTENDER BAR ON OUTDOOR PATIO
493 BOSTON POST ROAD - WEST

Matt LeDuc owner of Westender Restaurant: I am adding a bar to the existing outdoor patio with up to 21 seats. There will also be a shucking station in the middle of the bar, with a raw bar, add to the outdoor effect. I would also like to extend my entertainment license to include two tvs and a stereo radio for background entertainment only with low voltage speakers 150 watts, in corners facing towards the restaurant, NO live entertainment at any time. The patio will still be closed by 10:00 pm; live entertainment starts about 9:30 pm inside, most nights not all nights, usually that draws the people inside. The deck really closes itself.

Board questioned the hours of the patio? Will 8:30-8:45 pm still be last seating?

Matt LeDuc: Yes, 8:30 pm – 8:45 pm will remain last seating; except for large parties, they will be seated no later than 8:00-8:15 pm to allow enough time to serve, eat, etc. Patio closes by 10:00, music starts inside by 9:30 pm, people go inside. If a couple of people are still sitting outside finishing up, etc., I usually let them stay out there.

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Board questioned the expansion of the entertainment license: Most of the time the patrons turn up the sound on the tv's, it gets stale out there if nothing going on, to quiet. Fence keeps the sound down. If nothing on, no background noise, people talking over each other or no one is talking because they feel like everyone is listening to their conversation. TV's and radio help, not looking to put any live entertainment out there or anything.

BOARD CLOSED THIS PART OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone wishing to speak for or against?

Leonard Beyerdorfer a condo owner across the street. I am not for or against; as long as we are not disturbed I see no problem with the addition of the bar.

Board questioned neighbor if still experiencing any noise issues from this location?

Leonard Beyerdorfer: There were a couple of instances which I emailed the Board. But since then it seems to have resolved itself.

Matthew LeDuc: Nothing has changed; same bands, same hours of entertainment, etc. I really put a lot of money into sound proofing this restaurant.

Board has been down to this location several times since the complaints, and has not heard any noise or been made aware of any complaints. Do not want those issues to re-occur. Please contact the Board if any noise issues arise so we can deal with them.

No one else wishing to speak for or against this part of public hearing is closed.

Board discussed issues, and sees no problem with adding a bar, or light background music for entertainment. If noise issues arise we can address. Motion made to approve by Gregory Mitrakas, seconded by James Riessle. Motion carried 3-0

- 3: CLASS II -- ALVARO CUELLAR d/b/a USA MOTORSPORTS INC. –
433 MAPLE STREET (former Farina/Chrysler location)

Alvaro Cuellar d/b/a USA Motorsports, Inc. present with application, and a plot plan showing location of previous owners cars on the lot. This is a very large lot, I would like to start out slow, eventually adding car repairs, etc.

Board questioned how many cars is he applying for?

Alvaro Cuellar: Not sure what previous owner was allowed.

Board: This lot was previously a Class I license dealership for new cars. We would like to see you start out slow also, keep up appearance of lot up, etc. This property is the gateway into the City.

Alvaro Cuellar: I have been in business in Framingham for many years. I have never had a complaint filed against me. I agree, I do not want to have a messy lot, I am a very proud business owner. This building has been vacant for sometime, some work needs to be done to get it back up to code. I did have the fire department in, they had a few items on the list such as a new battery unit put in the alarm system to bring it up to code. Next I will make an appointment with the Building Inspector to discuss what will be needed for occupancy and zoning requirements.

Board agrees this is a very large lot, would like to start you out slowly, and sees no problem with starting with 50 cars, if no issues arise, come back to the Board and we can upgrade your license for additional cars.

Motion made to approve for 50 cars at this time, once approvals from Fire Department and Building Department have been obtained. Motion made to approve by James Riessle, seconded by Gregory Mitrakas. Motion carried 3-0

- 4: ABCC NOTICE RE: BERTUCCI'S

Board not sure what notice regards too. Will check with ABCC, and then place on file. Motion carried 3-0

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- 5: CLASS II – AUTOMOBILE LOCATORS INTERNATIONAL – MOVED FROM UNIT 1 TO UNIT 13 – SAME LOCATION 41 BRIGHAM STREET

Board received notice from Automobile Locators International they will be moving to a new unit, same location, all cars still stored indoors, viewed by appointment only.

Motion made to accept communication, update license and place in file.
Motion carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1 : MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING – FEBRUARY, 2014
Motion made to accept and place on file. Motion carried 3-0

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Bonin, Chairman